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**Subject:** RE: FERN CST Training - Next Week

Since we've been cut out of funding for the FERN grant, how can we be considered the "host Laboratory". ES needs to change her tune. Also, where is the documentation of the "detailed risk assessment", and she must stop acting like she is the RO and making these announcements in the first place.. Dr. Han isn't even on the "to" line for these. As the RO, Dr. Han is the one who should make these FERN training announcements, because of the SAT and safety implications involved.

Thanks.....kathy

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**Subject:** FERN CST Training - Next Week

Good morning,

As you know the MDPH Bureau of Laboratory Sciences is the host laboratory and the University of Massachusetts Medical School manages the Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) Northeast Regional FERN Training Center.

Next week FERN laboratory staff and other FERN subject matter experts will conduct hands-on laboratory training in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Laboratory. "Detection of Threat Agents in Food Products" will begin on Tuesday July13, 2010 and end on Friday. Participants are current active duty members of the Army National Guard Civil Support Teams (CST)

Laboratory exercises will include the use of dead bacteria and live bacteria (soil organisms) that can be worked with safely in a BSL-2 laboratory. Toxin assays will be preformed using substances that give positive test results, but are not biologically active. BSL-2 safety practices will conform to the BMBL 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Personal protective equipment will also conform to BSL-2 requirements.

Cheryl Gauthier, Tanya Swanson and I have performed a detailed risk assessment of all procedures used in this course. We have determined that the risk of exposure to an infectious agents associated with this training is very low.

If you would like to discuss the details of this risk assessment, or any other aspect of this course, please let me know. I am happy to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Betsy

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